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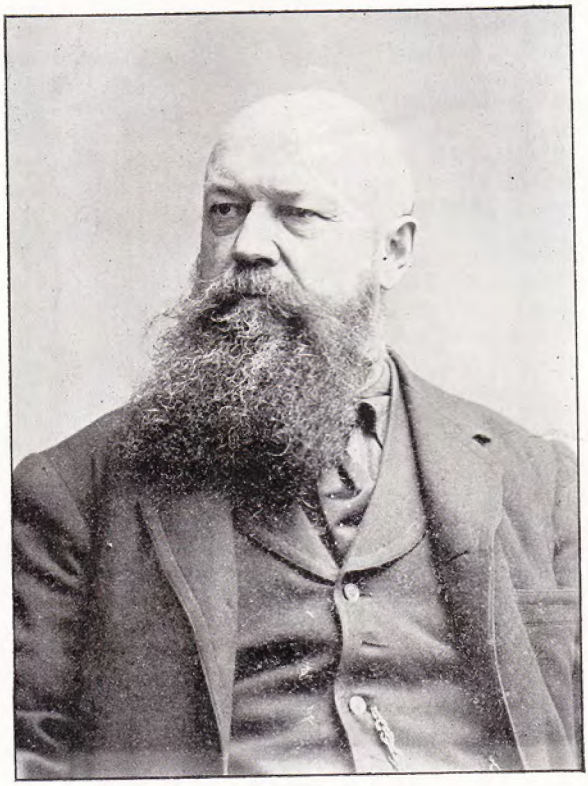

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A. G. Allison

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A. G. Allison.

The subject of this sketch has been a general collector since 1889 and has acquired quite a nice collection during this short time. Short articles have been written on stamp collecting and how he became an admirer of the art. He can also be found giving gratuitous advice and dealing on matters connected with philately, besides having a goodly supply of duplicates to dispose of at odd times. He regards stamp collecting as something enticing; that it favorably influences one's choice to try and acquire the needful. He will no doubt add many rare beauties to the cause of philately as time rolls on.

De Coppet Sale.

The De Coppet sale at New York has been going on as advertised, and if we can read the signs of the times, the results promise a new era in philately. We regret exceeingly that a larger representation of Canadians was not present, for on no occasion have such a choice lot of British North American stamps been offered. However, though they were not present (with one exception) still, they had not forgotten to forward bids to be executed for them and numbers of these latter stamps will, if they have not already found their way back to Canada.

The audiences that assembled at these sales were composed of representative men (the school boy element was not there) and would do credit to the call of any monetary, scientific or other prominent institution or association. Some idea of the importance of the sale may be gathered from the fact that all the prominent daily newspapers, from the Herald, Times, etc, down, published daily quite full and interesting accounts of the previous day's sale. This shows the active and substantial interest that is being taken in this line. One of New York's most prominent philatelists stated recently in answer to the question, if collecting was on the wane or otherwise and the probable effect of the recent sales of advanced collections, "that for one collection sold, ten new ones made their appearance. A proportion of these would no doubt drop out in a short time, but the others became active and in due course prominect collectors. A consensus of opinion shows that nothing that has happened of a similar nature or indeed in philately in this hemisphere tends to revive and increase interest, and place it on a higher prominence than these several sales. We regret exceedingly that this magnificent collection of Mr. De Coppet's has been broken up and scattered, but welcome the news that he is not to be lost entirely to the philately world. He is going to devote himself to a similar field in making a specialty of Mexico, of which he even now has a very advanced showing. Men of Mr. De Coppet's prominence and vast research are indeed few, and cannot be spared from our ranks. He regrets at parting with old friends in his collection will no doubt be softened considerably by the remembrance that his famous British Guinea, 1850 issue, 2c circular on rose paper, cut round, neatly mounted on a piece of the same paper cut square, used, brought the neat little sum of $1010.00, being the highest price ever paid for a single specimen at auction. It might be added that this stamp is one of six only known to exist, three of which were in the famous Tappling collection, and now are reposing in the British Museum. The 12 penny Canada realized $179.00; and the 2½ pence, pink, used, unperforated

British Columbia, 1851, realized $111.00.

We trust to be able to give to our readers a list of other prices.

Cancelled Old Stamps.

For some time past the postal authorities have been aware of the fact that the revenue derived from the sale of postage stamps each year was considerably less than it should be, but all efforts to apprehend the persons who were evidently defrauding the Government by re-selling old stamps proved ineffectual.

Detectives Davis and Slemin were successful in placing under arrest John Anderson, who is evidently an old hand at this kind of work. His entire outfit, together with about $2000 worth of old stamps, which have been cleaned, are also at headquarters.

At five o'clock yesterday afternoon, Detectives Davis and Slemin were detailed to bring Anderson to headquarters. They found him busy at work among his stamps in the attic of 18 Temperance street, and, arresting him, brought him before the inspector, who put him through his "catechism" so thoroughly as to be convinced inside of a very few minutes that he had good grounds upon which to hold the man.

While being examined Anderson kept up a running fire of threats of what he would do in case he was detained, representing himself to be a man of means.

In the meantime the two detectives had returned to the prisoner's room, and confiscated a large chest literally filled to the rim with boxes of Canadian stamps of different denominations and postal cards, the cancellation marks on which had been so deftly removed as to in many cases defy the eyes of an expert.

A large bottle containing the chemical solution with which the old man accomplished the cancellations was also found in the room, which was miserably furnished, containing merely a couple of chairs, a rickety table and a wreck of a stove.

Deputy Postmaster Carruthers at the request of Inspector Stark examined the stamps and declared them to be almost as perfect as when first issued, in many instances defying the closest scrutiny in detecting erasures.

It has not yet been ascertained just how the prisoner disposed of the stamps which he resurrected, though the theory is that his agents were scattered over the entire province.

The prisoner is well known around nearly all the down-town offices, as he was always to be found routing around through old heaps of rubbish, etc., hunting for envelopes with stamps upon them and could be frequently seen slouching along the streets with a huge bag slung around his neck into which he transferred old envelopes and postcards which he secured in gutters and rubbish heaps by means of a nail fastened in the end of a stick.

Her Weight is in Her Favor.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General Hazen has received an application from a Kansas postmaster for the employment by the Government of his daughter to sell postage stamps at the Chicago Columbian Exposition. He states that she has had much experience in selling stamps, and mentions as one of her qualifications the fact that she is the largest postal clerk in the county, weighing 472 pounds. She is 24 years of age.

Expensive Stamps.

A Brantford man recently saw an advertisement in a United States paper offering to send a fine engraving, depicting the landing of Columbus, for $1. He sent along the money and shortly afterwards received one of the new 2c. Columbian postage stamps, bearing the scene referred to.—The Empire.

Would it be out of the way to remark that a postage stamp is in love when it is stuck on an envelope?

Around Town.

The following philatelists visited this city during the past week :—J. Payne, London, England ; C. A. Needham, Hamilton, W. Maitriet, New York and H. F. Ketcheson, Belleville. We are at all times pleased to receive a call from collectors when visiting this city.

Mr. Wilson Wilby informs us that he has the new letter cards in three distinct colors, viz., pink, brown and red brown.

At the De Coppet sale, Mr. Brouse was fortunate enough to secure a copy of the 2 1-2d British Columbian stamp for the small figure of $111.00. Mr. Brouse has since been offered double what he paid for it. This is the only used specimen known of.

W. S. Weatherston has shown us two varieties of the 2c. Columbian envelope, one having periods after "America" and "Cents" and the other without periods, in the latter, the ornaments at the sides have longer ends than the other variety. About 15 distant shades are to be found in this stamp.

It is rumored that H. Beasley will not publish the "Queen City Philatelist" as advertised.

Wise and Otherwise.

It is surprising to note the number of stamp magazines that are announced, but which never make their appearance. The only reason that I can assign for this is that philatelists, as a class are a very go-ahead crowd and when the idea enters the brain of the average would-be editor, he has to spring it on to a suffering community, whether he is prepared to carry it to completion or not. My advice would be to refrain from saying anything until your paper is out and then let others "blow the horn."

It is quite amusing sometimes to note some instances of the ignorance of the postal laws that is displayed almost every day. A short time ago I was standing in an office when the postman came in and among other mail was what the sender evidently thought was a post card. It was the business card of the firm to whom it was addressed, with a one cent stamp on it and the message written on the back. It cost him a cent and it cost the firm four cents that received it, which made the total cost of that post-card just five cents. Rather high postal rates wasn't it.

The move to form a philatelic society in Hamilton is a step in the right direction. I found when visiting there recently that it is as wide awake a city, philatelically, as Toronto, though of course in a smaller way? The fact that Messrs. Needham and Livingstone are the prime movers in the concern is a sufficient indication that it will be a success in every respect.

"What's in a name?" The question whether "philately" is the proper name for our science seems to be worrying quite a few people just at present. Would it make it any more interesting or instructive if we called it "Timbrology?" Could we make any more money out of it if we called it "Timbrophilie?" As far as I am concerned, I am perfectly satisfied with the present title and would not wish any change unless it would be of a great deal more benefit than it would appear from the present outlook.

It looks as if collectors in the U.S. and Canada, instead of dropping stamps for the summer, will take a greater interest than ever in them this year. The fact that the principal conventions will be held in connection with the World's Fair will be sufficient to keep the interest alive for all summer and we need have no fear of any dull season this year.—JEP.

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Editorial Notes.

The Philatelic Journal of Canada is no more. After a brief issue of four numbers it has merged into the International Philatelist, its publisher finding that there was no profit and little glory in publishing a philatelic paper. Doubtless many of our contemporaries have come to the same conclusion; be that as it may, it is a known fact that of all the philatelic magazines published on this continent and that pay for themselves, could be counted on the fingers of the one hand. With this issue of the International Philatelist is consolidated the Philatelic Journal o Canada, all advertising contracts and all subscriptions will be filled by the International.

The J. W. Scott Co., Limited, have removed from their former address, on Fulton street, New York City, to more commodious quarters, at No. 40 John street. This was necessitated by their largely increasing business. While Mr. J. W. Scott, their very able manager, is a peer in philately, he is apparently none the less out of his element as an auctioneer, judging from the way he handled the hammer at the De Coppet sale.

We understand that Mr. W. H. Brouse, of this city, secured at the De Coppet sale at New York, on the 3rd inst., the 2½d, pink, unperforated and used British Columbia, 1861, at $111.00. This particular stamp is said to be the only one in a used condition known to exist, and, as such, we consider it the rarest and consequently the most valuable of all British North American postage stamps. The late Mr. Tappling was anxious to obtain this specimen, but at the time Mr. De Coppet was not disposed to part with it. It is noteworthy that rarities of this kind are being brought back to our country again.

Mr. M. P. Castle, of the Philatelic Society, of London, England, with several other friends in philately, is making a journey around the world, and is expected in a few weeks at New York City, where he will be tendered a banquet by the several Associations there. With tickets at $10.00 each, one may expect to hear something worth while, and also a large supply of viands, etc., which Delmonico alone can provide.

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Biggar, O. M., 249 Simcoe St.
Caldwell, W. B., Ontario Bank
Cawthra, Herbert, Beverley St.
Calvert, Chas., 14 Front St. West
Cracknell, H., 76 Munro St.
Cox, H., Methodist Book Room
Dingman, H. J., 44 Close avenue
Foster, D. H., 219 Sherbourne St.
Fleming, F. A., 293 Huron St.
Fowler, H. A., 29 Shannon St.
Geddes, Gamble, Bernard Ave.
Harvey, Chas., Rosedale
Howe, C. J., 178 Dovercourt Road
Hemming, Walter, 507 Huron St.
Keepin, J. S., 390 Crawford St.
Lake, H., 267 Wellington St. West
Lake, R. W., 267 Wellington St. West
Lowe, Geo. A., 346 Spadina Ave.
Lowe, John H., 109 Huron St.
Murphy, V. J., 30 Bernard Ave.
Maclean, F. W., 28 Toronto St.
Moore, Geo. A., 1324 Queen St. West
McMahon, W., 1300 Queen St. West
Mowat, A. G., 394 Manning Ave.
Marks, E., 169 McCaul St.
McClelland, J., 79 Gerrard St. West
Ogden, W., 348 Spadina Ave.
Parker, E. Y., 57 Huron St.
Phillips, E. J., 23 Draper St
Porter, Frank, 353 Yonge St.
Peters, H., 199 College St.
Pate, Wm. J., 97 Charles St.
Roberts, Norman A. 147 St. Patrick St.
Sutton, Wm. H., 81 Peter St.
Sproule, R. K., 569 Spadina Ave.
Shaw, W. A., 81 Yonge St.
Strange, H. C., 6 North St.
Sparks, N. C., 191 Gerrard St. East
Scott, W. S., 78 Munro St.
Thompson, J. L., 180 William St.
Thornton, H., 1322 Queen St. West
Usher, Geo., 719 Spadina Ave.
Wright, H. J., Barrister, Huron St.
Wylie, N. A., 37 St. Mary St.
Wilson, J. S., 34 Eastern Ave.
Wilby, Wilson, Weston
Whittimore, H., 575 Church St.
Weatherston, W. S., 13 Peter St.
Young, J. M., 331 Huron St.
Young A., North American Life Assurance Co.

Suing the Queen.

The British American Bank Note Co., has brought an action against the government to recover the value of a large quantity of stamps which were prepared by the Company and held in stock by them at the time that the change in the series and denomination of stamps in 1883 took place. The claim, which amounts to $8,500, is that these stamps were in the then existing contract and that the Government should take them and pay for them.

France is soon to adopt an interesting innovation in the postal card system. The cards will be issued in the form of checkbooks, with stubs. The sender of the postal card can maks memoranda of its contents on the stub, and can have this stamped at the Post Office before the card is detached, so that a verified record of the correspondence can be kept.

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	10	"	black, " "	30	
	12	"	pink, " new	30	2.00
	13	"	orange, " "	50	
	24	"	blue, " "	45	3 50
	24	"	blue, " used	40	
1868	5	"	black, " "	1.75	
	6	"	rose, " "	8	50
	6	"	rose, " new,	10	90
1870	3	"	vermilion " used	80	
1871	1	"	vio. brown" "	50	
	3	"	blue, " "	12	
1876	1	"	violet, brown, roul. "	30	
	2	"	green, roul., "	25	
	3	"	blue, " "	8	50
	5	"	blue, " "	15	
1880	1	"	lilac, brown, "	3	20
	2	"	green, " "	4	25
	3	"	blue, " "	2	15
	5	"	blue, " "	3	20

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	2	"	orange, used	2	18	1 50
	2	"	orange, new	4	30	2.60
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1856—5c Brown, with ornaments	2 10
1855—10c Green	15
1857—12c Black	40
1860—24c Lilac	1 60
1861—5c Brown	20
" 5c Yellow	3 05
" 30c Orange	30
" 90c Blue	1 25
1862—5c Chocolate	80
1863—10c Green	20
" —12c Black 20c	20
" —5c Brown	1 00
" —30c Orange	1 60
" —90c Blue	8 00
1869—1c Buff	18
" —6c Blue	25
" —10c Yellow	37
" —12c Green	33
" —15c with frame	85
" —15c without frame	2 00
" —24c Green	4 00
" —30c Red and Blue	2 00
" " " "	4 75
1870—6c Pink	2 00
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